

# Emily Knick

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## Research Interests

**Broad:** Semantics and its interfaces.

**Narrow:** Tense, aspect, modality, and information structure.

## Education

- 2023 - 2028 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Advisor: Roumyana Pancheva
- 2020 - 2023 **B.A. in Linguistics**, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Minors in Japanese and Psychology  
*Magna cum laude*, Commonwealth Honors College

## Summer Schools

- 2023 **Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute**, UMass Amherst

## Conference Proceedings

- 2025 **Knick, Emily**. Future reference and covert modality in Khalkha Mongolian. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 10(1), 5936.

## Presentations

### Talks

- (accepted) **Knick, Emily\*** and Sharf, Eli\*. On focus and the perfect aspect. Talk at Sinn und Bedeutung 30, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2025 **Knick, Emily**. Future reference and covert modality in Khalkha Mongolian. Talk at the 99<sup>th</sup> Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

### Posters

- 2024 Carpick, Ian, **Knick, Emily**, Boye-Lynn, Cal, Bennett, Ryan, and Rysling, Amanda. Learned performance or auditory bias: carryover vs. anticipatory nasal coarticulation. Poster at the Conference on Laboratory Phonology 19, Hanyang University.

\* = Co-first authors.

- 2024 **Knick, Emily** and Rysling, Amanda. Temporal stability and the online assignment of hierarchical prosodic structure. Poster at the California Annual Meeting on Psycholinguistics 6, Stanford University.
- 2022 **Knick, Emily**. Prevoicing loss and the [voice] contrast in the production of Tokyo Japanese plosives. Poster at the 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Undergraduate Research Conference, UMass Amherst. Virtual Presentation.

## Research Positions

- 2024 **Graduate Student Researcher**, NSF Grant BCS-1917619, UC Santa Cruz  
PI: Roumyana Pancheva  
○ Project: The semantics of aspect in Paraguayan Guaraní
- 2022 - 2023 **Research Assistant**, Cognitive Science of Language Lab, UMass Amherst  
PI: Brian Dillon
- 2021 - 2023 **(Co-)Lab Manager**, XLing Laboratories, UMass Amherst  
PIs: Brian Dillon, John Kingston, Shota Momma
- 2020 - 2023 **Research Assistant**, Phonetics Lab, UMass Amherst  
PI: John Kingston

## Teaching

### At UCSC

- Spring 2025 **Invented Languages, From Elvish to Esperanto**  
Instructor: Andrew Angeles
- Winter 2025 **Semantics I**  
Instructor: Maziar Toosarvandani
- Fall 2024 **Phonetics I**  
Instructor: Grant McGuire

### At UCSC

- Fall 2021 **Introduction to Phonetics**  
Instructor: John Kingston

## Honors & Awards

- 2025 **THI Summer Pathways Fellowship**, The Humanities Institute at UC Santa Cruz (\$5000)
- 2023 - 2024 **Chancellor's Fellowship**, UC Santa Cruz
- 2023 - 2024 **Regents Fellowship**, UC Santa Cruz
- 2020 - 2023 **Departmental Honors in Linguistics**, UMass Amherst

## Service

### At UCSC

- 2024 - **Co-Founder**, Supporting Linguistics UnderGraduates (SLUG) Mentorship Program
- Organize the SLUG Mentorship Program, which provides undergraduates in Linguistics with guidance on (non-)academic career paths in preparation for their post-graduate career goals.
- 2024 - 2025 **Co-Coordinator**, Semantics, Pragmatics, and Language Philosophy (SPLAP!) Reading Group
- 2024 **Co-Coordinator**, Speech and Sentence Processing Lab (s/lab)

### At UMass

- 2023 **Student Volunteer**, LSA Summer Institute
- 2021 - 2022 **Linguistics Student Ambassador**, UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts
- 2021 - 2022 **Dean's Advisory Board Representative**, UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts

## Skills

### Languages

English (native)  
Japanese (intermediate)  
Spanish (reading)  
Khalkha Mongolian, Paraguayan Guaraní (research)

### Technical Skills

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MATLAB, PCIBex, Praat, PsychoPy, Python, R